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## OPTIONAL PLAN CONFORMANCE/NEPA COMPLIANCE RECORD

BLM Office: Klamath Falls R.A. (OR-014)  
Lease/Serial Case File No.: Grazing Permit #361028

Proposed Action Title/Type: Re-issuance of Section 15 Grazing Lease

Location of Proposed Action: This grazing lease covers the public land grazing within the North Horsefly allotment (0821). The allotment is located just south of Bly, Oregon and comprises 988 acres of public land which is grazed in conjunction with the USFS lands to the west. The Klamath Falls R.A. has the grazing administration, as well as all other land management responsibility, for the public lands in this allotment.

Description of Proposed Action: Issuance of this 3 yr., section 15 grazing lease, is due to the extension of the base property lease between James Hall, owner of the recognized base property, and Les Barlow the grazing lessee in recent years. The term of the re-newed lease is 1/1/99 through 12/31/2001; 3 years as required by 43 CFR 4130.2(d)(3) of the 1995 grazing regulations. The season-of-use for this allotment will continue to be 5/1 through 6/15 for 45 cattle, for a total of 68 active AUMs. These are the same parameters as outlined and approved in the 1995 Klamath Falls R.A. ROD/RMP. The previous permit had the same grazing use parameters.

Applicant (if any): Les Barlow

**PART I: PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW.** This proposed action is subject to the following land use plan:

Name of Plan: Klamath Falls Resource Area ROD/RMP & RPS  
Date Approved: June 1995

The proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with this plan (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM MS 1617.3). The North Horsefly allotment is found on page H-24 of Appendix H of this plan.

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Remarks: None

## PART II: NEPA REVIEW

A. Categorical exclusion review. This proposed action is not categorically excluded.

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B. Existing EA/EIS review. This proposed action is addressed in the following existing BLM EIS:

Name of Document: Klamath Falls R.A. RMP/EIS  
Date Approved: June 1995 (ROD)

This EIS has been reviewed against the following criteria to determine if it covers the proposed action:

1. The proposed action is a feature of, or essentially the same as, the alternative selected and analyzed in the existing document.
2. A reasonable range of alternatives was analyzed in the existing document.
3. There has been no significant change in circumstances or significant new information germane to the proposed action.
4. The methodology/analytical approach previously used is appropriate for the proposed action.
5. The direct and indirect impacts of the proposed action are not significantly different than those identified in the existing document.
6. The proposed action would not change the previous analysis of cumulative impacts.
7. Public involvement in the previous analysis provides appropriate coverage for the proposed action.

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Remarks: Grazing parameters of this lease are the same as the previous lease, are as analysed in the RMP, and conform with all 7 of the above criteria.

**PART III: DECISION.** I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed lease renewal is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to implement the action, as described, with the mitigation measures identified below.

Mitigation Measures/Other Remarks: North Horsefly is currently scheduled for an Standards & Guides Assessment during FY 2007. It is scheduled for assessment some years out due to its low priority status, i.e. few or no known resource problems or issues. This assessment will ascertain whether current management of these public lands meets the requirements of the 5 Standards for Rangeland Health. If existing management is not, or is not making significant progress towards, meeting the Standards, management changes will be made.

Authorized Official: /s./ Richard W. Mayberry Date: 1/27/99  
Acting Manager, Klamath Falls Resource Area